

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1–9 are pending in this application with claims 1, 3 and 9 being amended by this response. New claims 10 – 13 are added for consideration.

1. (Currently amended) A device for managing an application composed of instructions executable by an execution system, said execution system communicating with an operating system so as to access the resources of the device, wherein the device comprises an applications ~~management module~~ manager which can execute at least one management instruction set, said management instructions modifying via functions the state of the device before the running of an application executed by the operating system and/or the execution system, ~~the execution of a management instruction being initiated upon a change of state~~ said management instructions being executed before the launching of the application and/or upon an event external to the device and/or at the end of the running of said application, said ~~external event preferably being a user command or the reception of new data~~ management instructions being provided by an external source such as a broadcast network or user command introduction means.

2. (Previously presented) The device for managing an application as claimed in claim 1, wherein the functions of the management instructions cannot be executed by the operating system or the execution system.

3. (Currently Amended) The device for managing an application as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that it comprises a means for loading the management instruction set from a source of management instructions to the applications manager.

4. (Previously presented) The device for managing an application as claimed in claim 3, wherein the source of management instructions is the application.

5. (Previously presented) The device for managing an application as claimed in claim 3, wherein the source of management instructions is the user interface.

6. (Previously presented) The device for managing an application according to claim 3, wherein the device possesses a standard management instruction set in memory.

7. (Previously presented) The device for managing an application as claimed in claim 1, wherein the applications manager comprises several sets of management instructions originating from several sources of management instructions; a specified management instruction set being assigned to each application.

8. (Currently Amended) The device for managing an application as claimed claim 1, wherein binary priority indicators are associated with the management instructions, the applications ~~management module~~ manager executing first the management instructions whose priority is the highest.

9. (Currently amended) Digital decoder furnished with means for receiving at least one application, said application being composed of instructions executable by an execution system, said execution system communicating with an operating system so as to access the resources of the device, characterized in that the device comprises an applications management module which can execute at least one set of at least one management instruction, said management instruction modifies via a function the state of the device before the running of the application executed by the operating system and/or the execution system, ~~and the management instruction is executed upon the change of state of said management instructions being executed before the launching the application and/or upon an event external to the device such as and preferably a user command or the reception of a new application~~ and/or at the end of the running of said application, said management instructions being provided externally to the decoder with means such as a broadcast network or user command introduction means.

10. (New) The device for managing an application as claimed in claim 1, wherein, if several management instruction sets can be applied to an application before the launching of this application, the one with the highest priority being used by the application management module.

11. (New) The device for managing an application as claimed in claim 1, wherein a management instruction contains the priority of an application, at the reception of such instruction, the application management module modifying the priority of the applications executed in the device

12. (New) The device for managing an application as claimed in claim 11, wherein the application management module allows a resource of the device to the application having the highest priority.

13. (New) The device for managing an application as claimed in claim 1, wherein a management instruction contains an identifier of an application, at the reception of such instruction, the application management module applies this management instruction to the specified application.